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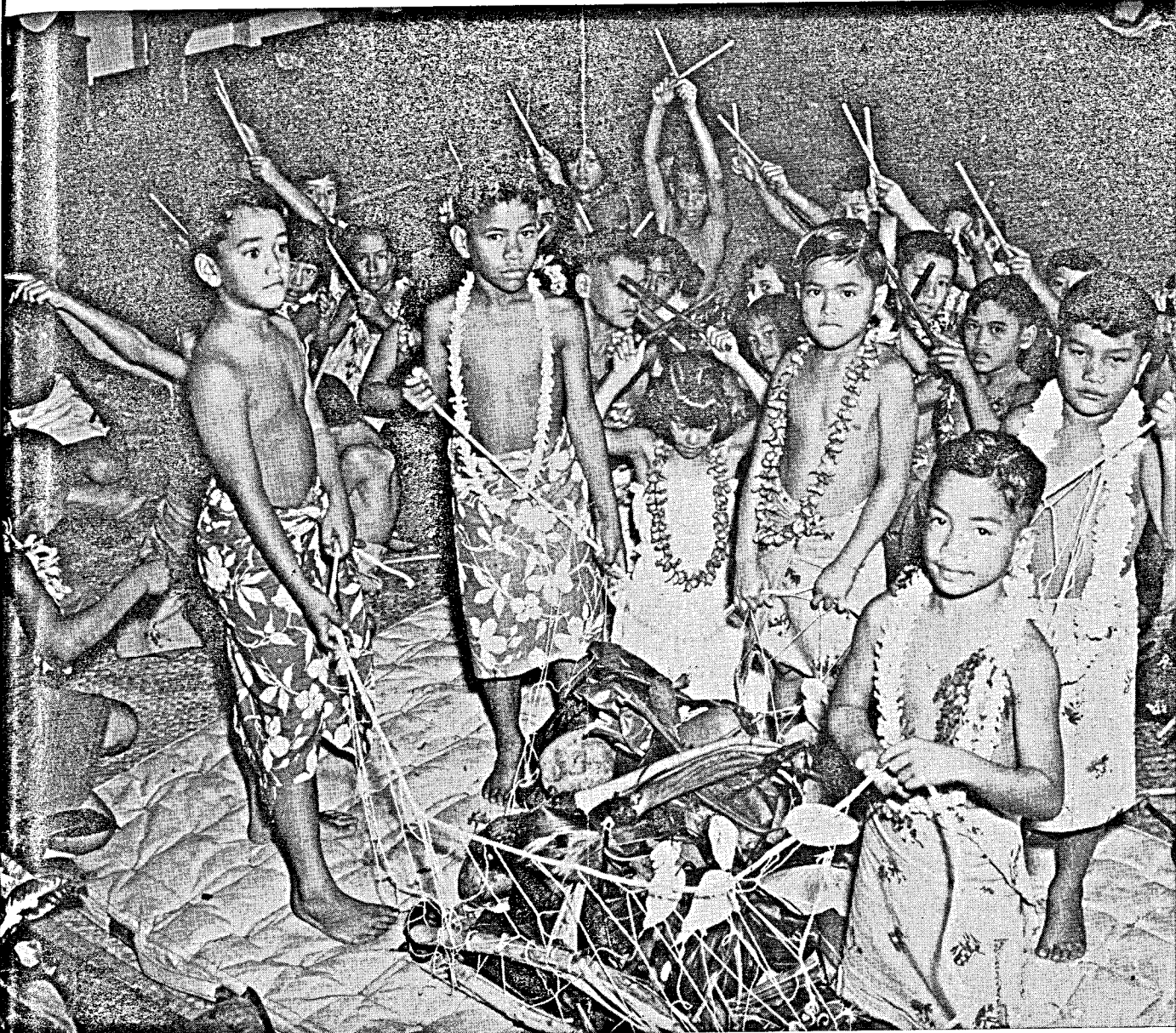
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Ancient Hawaiian custom is observed by pupils of the Kamehameha schools.

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THE RT. REV. EVERETT HOLLAND JONES, D.D.

## Guest Speaker Of Convocation

We feel most fortunate to announce the guest speaker of Convocation will be the Rt. Rev. Everett Holland Jones, D.D., Bishop of West Texas. His headquarters are in San Antonio, Texas, the city of his birth. He was consecrated Bishop in September 1943.

Bishop Jones is a noted speaker in our Church. Recently his Diocese celebrated most effectively their Diamond Jubilee on the occasion of their seventy-fifth anniversary as the Diocese of West Texas. Bishop Jones is one of the outstanding bishops in our Church today. In a recent issue of the "Witness" an article on "San Antonio Churches Launch a Community Program" recounts what has been demonstrated by denomination cooperation. The program calls for six divisions, each in charge of a chairman and his committee. Bishop Jones heads one of the most vital of these committees—the one on survey and strategy. This department endeavors to ascertain the

religious needs of various sections of the city and assist churches in planning new work. The committee also will serve as the clearing house for data with respect to long range planning for church extension, thereby assisting congregations to choose the best possible locations for more effective work.

Bishop and Mrs. Jones will arrive February 1st for a brief vacation in addition to attending Convocation. We look forward with great anticipation to their arrival, for we know it will mean much to us to have them here for this important business meeting of our Missionary District.

## 48th Annual Convocation

MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF HONOLULU

FEBRUARY 10—15, 1950.

### *Tentative Program*

Friday, February 10th and 11th

Saturday

Youth Conference, under the direction of the Rev. Richard M. Trelease, Jr., Diocesan Director of Youth Work. Saturday sessions will be held at Mokuleia.

Sunday, February 12th

7:30 p.m.—Opening Service of Convocation, St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Bishop's Annual Address

Reports of Diocesan Departments.

8:30 p.m.—Reception at Diocesan House honoring Bishop and Mrs. Everett H. Jones, Diocese of West Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. John Merrifield.

Monday, February 13th—Convocation Business Session and Diocesan Banquet

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

8:30 a.m.—Breakfast for clergy and delegates.

9:30 a.m.—Order of Business, Tenney Memorial Hall.

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon in Davies Hall.

2:00 p.m.—Convention reassembles, if necessary.

6:30 p.m.—Diocesan Banquet at Central Union Church.

Tuesday, February 14th—Woman's Auxiliary Annual Meeting

8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

9:30 a.m.—Business Session opens.

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon in Davies Hall.

Afternoon Session—Round Table Discussion.

Wednesday, February 15th—Clergy Conference

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion in Parke Memorial Chapel.

8:45 a.m.—Breakfast at Cluett House.

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon for clergy and wives—guests of Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy.

Wednesday, February 15th—Woman's Auxiliary Round-Table Discussion

10:00 a.m.—led by Mrs. J. Harry Mattson.

## Province Laymen's League Chairman To Come To Hawaii In February

Since the program of evangelism was adopted by the General Convention in 1946, the Laymen's League, under the leadership of the Executive Director, the Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, has made great strides in forwarding the program of the Church through its laymen. No more effective work can be done than through the laymen themselves. If Christianity means anything in our lives, it shows forth in our works.

Mr. John C. F. Merrifield, of Portland, Oregon, Chairman for the Eighth Province Laymen's League, and on the National Committee, will come to Honolulu in early February to conduct an instruction course for Key Laymen. This is in keeping with the program outlined at the recent General Convention, wherein a Laymen's Training Program was outlined to equip picked laymen to make a factual and hard-hitting presentation of how the Church plans to meet the missionary challenge of today.

Mr. Merrifield will have a full program outlined for him on this Island and all our Islands. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Merrifield. We look forward to their arrival and know it will bring inspiration to our Diocese.

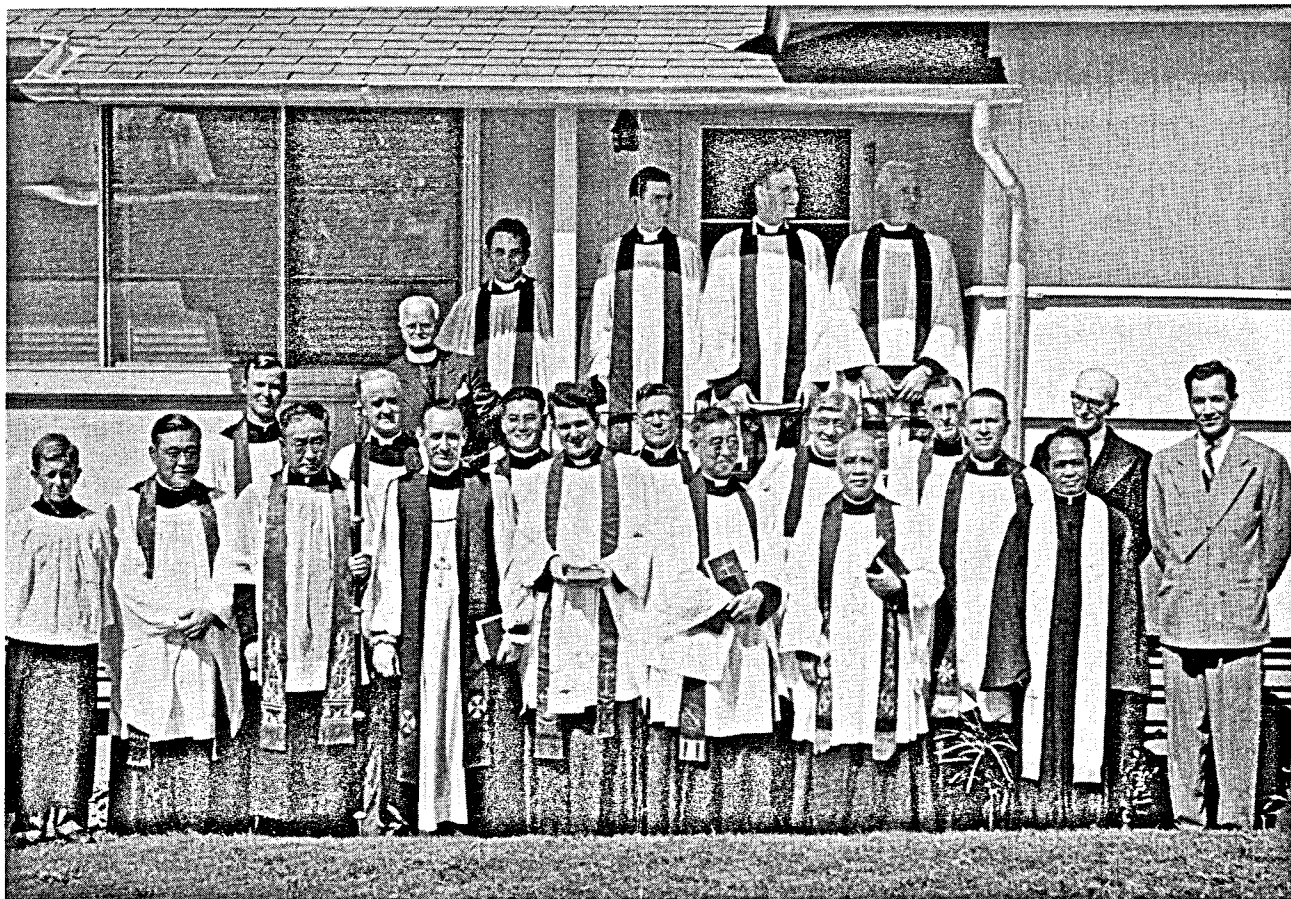
## Bishop Makes Trip To Wake Island

The Bishop left for Wake Island on January 3rd to conduct Holy Communion services and to view the possibilities for work in this area. He returned on January 6th. He plans to send a priest from our Diocese each month for Communion services. Just when the work will be permanently established will be determined in a measure by the outcome of the ONE WORLD FOR CHRIST campaign to raise the new proposed budget adopted at General Convention. We sincerely pray that this work may go forward, for there is an opportunity for the Church to serve the people on Wake Island, Midway and Guam.

## Spend Holiday In Honolulu

The Rev. and Mrs. George Davison spent part of their Christmas holiday in Honolulu, at the Diocesan House. The Rev. Mr. Davison is Headmaster of the Hawaii Episcopal Academy, at Kamuela, Hawaii. They gave a good report of the activities of the school, and feel that there is a marked interest in the school for next year. They are conducting classes from grades seven through twelve.

The Reverend Paul R. Savanack, Christ Memorial Church, Kilauea, Kauai, was also a guest at the Diocesan House for a few days during the holidays.



### CLERGY AT THE ORDINATION OF THE REV. CLAUDE FRANCIS DU TEIL

The clergy joined in the service of Ordination to the Priesthood of the Reverend Claude Francis Du Teil, Vicar of St. Stephen's Church, Wahiawa, Oahu, on December 10th, at St. Stephen's Church. The Reverend Mr. Du Teil is shown at the right of Bishop Kennedy. The three clergy at the extreme right of the picture were from other denominations in the community of Wahiawa.



## Work For One World In Christ

Beginning January 1, and ending March 12, 1950, the National Council advocates a second campaign, **ONE WORLD IN CHRIST**, for raising the 1950 quota of the budget. The first campaign, of course, is the regular Every Member Canvass of which National Council suggests the Church people give at least as much as their parish's share of the diocese's mathematical quota for 1949.

The Presiding Bishop's request for \$5,634,617 is to be realized through an educational program in which all communicants are to have their particular part. The largest budget in the history of the Church was adopted through General Convention at San Francisco and the Church now faces the huge task of raising that budget. This second campaign, for raising the remainder of each parish's quota, is based on the principle that if the people *know* the needs and reasons for those needs, they *will respond*. Every parish and mission throughout the Church is asked to devote the period from January 1 to March 12, 1950, to an Educational Program on different parts of the Church's work. Churchmen will discover by doing the same thing in the same way and at the same time the great power which lies in a Church united in a common cause.

### *Laymen will Face Extra Work*

The schedule for this campaign is: January—The Church's Work Overseas; February—The Church's Work at Home; March—The Church's Work in Christian Education.

**ONE WORLD IN CHRIST** means extra work for laymen of the Church. The need is very great and urgent. We know in this Missionary Field what it is to curtail work because some dioceses fail to meet their mission quotas and assessments. It is suggested that a lay chairman from each parish and mission be appointed to help in the details of this great campaign; posters must be placed, booklets for each family must be addressed, and the mechanical arrangements must be made for the Presiding Bishop's radio address.

### *One Great Hour of Sharing*

The Church for 1950 is again cooperating with other Churches in a campaign for World Relief. \$500,000 for World Relief is included in the National Budget and this will be presented as the January study program—**KNOW YOUR CHURCH WORK OVERSEAS**. A radio dramatization during January and February will be under the sponsorship of the local Council of Churches.

There will also be several network programs in March.

### *Presiding Bishop To Talk*

As a climax to the Educational Program of **ONE WORLD IN CHRIST**, on Sunday, March 12, the Presiding Bishop will speak to all congregations of the Church. He will speak directly to Episcopalians. Immediately following his talk the congregations will be asked to make a special offering of cash or pledges for raising the Church's larger budget.

Let us plan now how we will answer this call. We know that our own work in Honolulu depends upon this response. But even greater is the work of the entire Church. We must not fail to meet this challenge and opportunity.

## **"We Suffer From Parochialism"**

—BISHOP SHERRILL

The Episcopal Church could operate on a budget of 20 to 30 million dollars rather than the present four cents per week per communicant, if she would only mobilize her resources, Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill said in a speech at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary October 31.

The Presiding Bishop was guest of honor at the Seminary, where he was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of sacred theology during Evensong services in the Seminary chapel of St. John the Divine.

"As a result of General Convention, we have broken out of the rut," Bishop Sherrill said. However, he said that he is "not happy" that only 1,500,000 out of 140,000,000 persons in the United States are Episcopalians.

"We have neglected evangelism . . . we have neglected rural work . . . the problem of college work has not been faced . . . we have very largely neglected Negro work.

"Our greatest danger lies in 'parochialism.' A parish merely interested in itself is a dead parish and hasn't much meaning in the world today," he said, adding that the same is true for "diocesanism."

"There isn't anything we (the Church) cannot do if we only mobilize our forces and gain the interest and consecration of our people. I'm always amazed at the resources of our Church.

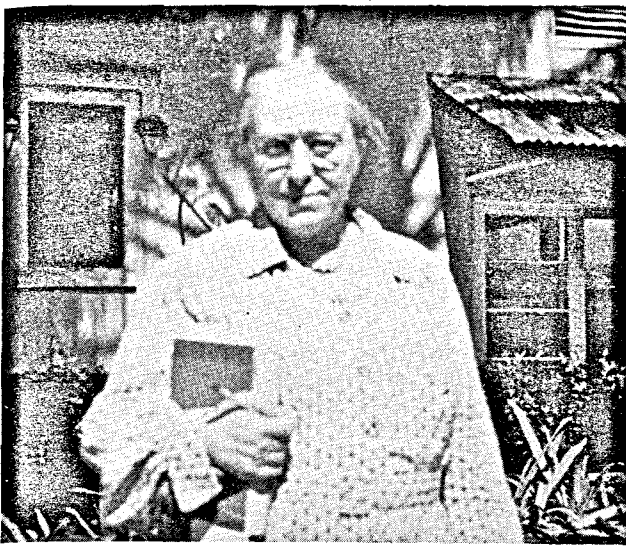
"We need a broad sweep in our world mission, a sense of strategy, and nation-wide programs of accomplishment," he concluded.

The Presiding Bishop's book for Lent, 1950, is *The Atoning Life* by Henry Sylvester Nash. It was written more than forty years ago by the father of the present Bishop of Massachusetts. It will be republished in January by Harpers. Price \$1.00.

## **Use New Parish Hall**

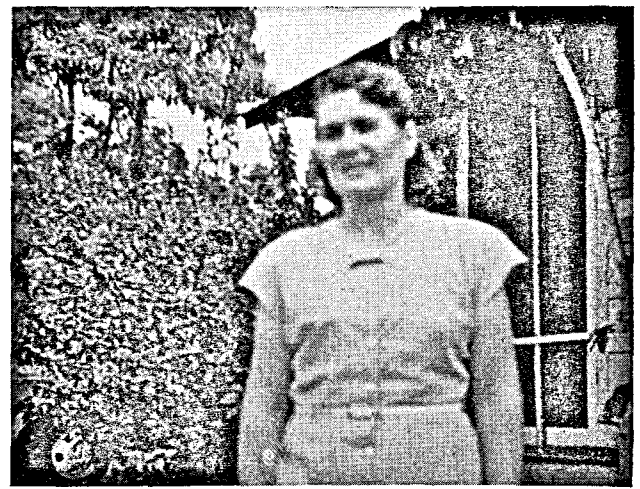
Members of St. Peter's Church held their first parish activity in their new parish hall for their Christmas Nativity pageant. This lovely building is taking form, and though it will not be completed for a few weeks, the Church has enjoyed it through the Christmas Season. We look forward to its dedication, and will rejoice with the Rev. Y. Sang Mark and his congregation when they have the full benefit from it.





**MISS MARGARET K. MONTEIRO**

Miss Monteiro is assisting with work at St. Andrew's Priory, having come to us from China. She is much beloved by the girls. She also serves with the work at Holy Nativity Mission, Aina Haina. She is a devoted missionary.



**MISS ELDA SMITH**

Who is assisting with work at St. Mark's Mission. She came to us from China and has already made a fine place for herself at St. Mark's and in the Diocese. She was evacuated from her missionary work in China.

## **Presiding Bishop Improves**

The latest bulletin on Presiding Bishop Sherrill's condition is that he continues to improve and his condition is considered to be excellent. Visitors are limited and will be for some time. His operation was for diverticulitis.

## **White Christmas Gifts**

The boys at Iolani School gave as their "White Christmas" gifts cans of food for us to use at our summer camps. This will be a tremendous help, for it will mean that we can continue our camp without raising our cost for attending camp, as we had anticipated this year. When handicrafts, sports, maintenance, medical supplies, etc., are figured in the cost of running camp, it must be measured in dollars and cents. This gift to us will assure no increase in the camp tuition. We are very grateful to the boys.

## **In Appreciation**

We wish to thank Mrs. Lewis B. Sheen, director of "Hamlet," which was recently given at St. Andrew's Cathedral, for the benefit of the Church, and the cast for the time and effort given to this production. It was a worthy endeavor and well done for amateurs. The Reverend Lewis B. Sheen, who played the role of Hamlet, did an especially fine bit of acting. All of the cast took their parts well and we wish to commend them and express deep appreciation to them for this effort on behalf of the missionary program of the Church. Mrs. Sheen turned over \$600 for missionary work.

## **Annie Wright Seminary**

A visitor from the mainland of much interest in Church circles here is Miss Ruth Jenkins, Headmistress of the Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, and Vice President and member of the Executive Council of the National Association of Principals of Schools for girls.

Miss Jenkins' election as a lay delegate to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church which met last fall in San Francisco was the subject of much controversy which is not yet settled. A committee has been appointed by the convention to make recommendations on the seating of women delegates and it is interesting to note that Miss Jenkins has been appointed to the committee as one of the three lay women members.

Miss Jenkins is not a stranger to Hawaii as she lived here for two years while she taught at the St. Andrew's Priory, a position from which she resigned at the time her father, Thomas Jenkins, was elected Bishop of Nevada. Her present prominence in Church and educational circles is the climax of many years of activity in these two fields.

During her month's stay in the Islands Miss Jenkins will be visiting her three brothers Selwyn, John and William at the Coral Strand Hotel. She has many friends and acquaintances to see as well as Seminary alumnae and parents of girls from Hawaii who are attending the Annie Wright Seminary. Among the latter are Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sloggett of Kauai, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lottis of Hilo, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lowrie of Waialua and Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dahlquist.

Miss Jenkins will be glad to meet with parents of prospective students to better acquaint them with the fine school that she heads. And indeed it is an opportunity for people in this area to meet one so conversant and experienced with the potentialities of education today.



Santa Claus visits Cluett House at their annual Christmas party. Cluett House is our Church house for business women and young women attending the university or business colleges. This is a festive occasion for the girls. Santa is shown receiving a request for Christmas from Charlotte Gaza, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Gaza, the much beloved cook for Cluett House. As one can easily see, Charlotte receives much affection in her own right.

### Assisting With Services At Waimanalo

The Rev. John P. Moulton, Chaplain of Iolani School, is assisting the Rev. Richard M. Trelease, Jr., with the services at Waimanalo. The Rev. Mr. Trelease is unable to devote every Sunday to this new work, so is having this much needed and much appreciated assistance with services.

### A Great Improvement

New paving in the parking area of the Cathedral has made a tremendous improvement in the Cathedral grounds. It was done through the generosity of a member of the parish. We all express appreciation for such a thoughtful gift to the Church.

### Visit Kauai

Mrs. Harry J. Mattson, President of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Harry S. Kennedy, went to Kauai the middle of December to help organize and stimulate interest in the work of the Auxiliary on this Island. They spoke at Kekaha, Eleele, Kapaa, and Kilauea.

## Chronicle Subscriptions

Nothing would please your Bishop more than to be able to publish the Chronicle without any expenditure to the members of our Church. It is the Bishop's only means of placing the work of our Diocese and the Church at large in the hands of our people. Our great hope is that our parishes and missions will make some provision in their budgets to send the Chronicle to all those families and individuals who subscribe to the parish budget.

We tried this year to avoid sending statements for the delinquent subscriptions. January first, regardless of the time of payment of the Chronicle during the year, is the date on which subscriptions are due. We know it is easy to forget that subscriptions are in order, so remind you at this time that we will gladly accept payments.

We have sent out statements for 1949. Some subscriptions have not been paid for two or three years. We shall wait to hear from these returns, and if they are not paid soon, we shall have to take such names from our lists. If you fail to receive a Chronicle, you will know that you have failed to pay your subscription.

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#### Maui—

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St. John's Mission, Kula.....	1
Army and Navy.....	22
Total.....	503

## To Build Cathedral

To those of us who know and love the Rt. Rev Leonard Stanley Kempthorne, Bishop of Polynesia, it is welcome news that we can be a real help to him in his good work, for he is now launching a campaign to raise funds to build a cathedral.

He has sent the Bishop this information with the title:  
"OVER TO YOU"

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### CATHEDRAL FOR THE MISSIONARY DIOCESE OF POLYNESIA, OCEANIA.

THIRTY YEARS AGO, Bishop Twitchell, the first Bishop in Polynesia, launched an appeal for the erection of an Anglican Cathedral in Suva, the Capital of Fiji and the See Town of the extensive and widely-scattered Diocese of Polynesia.

NEARLY FIFTY YEARS AGO, the Reverend Horace Packe, then Vicar of Suva, drew attention to the decaying condition of the wooden building which is still, today, serving as a Pro-Cathedral for the Diocese.

IN THE MEANTIME, with two Great Wars intervening, various efforts have been made to raise the money required for the erection of the building or some portion of it.

IN THE MEANTIME ALSO, the need for the building has become more and more urgent. Not only have the elements taken further toll of the existing decrepit structure; its increasingly shabby appearance makes it more and more unworthy of its high purpose. It belies the love and reverence which His children profess to have for their Heavenly Father, Whose House it is.

THE FINANCIAL FRUITS of the efforts so far made amount to approximately £15,800.

THE TOTAL FIGURE AIMED AT, for the present need, is £25,000.

**A FURTHER £10,000 IS THEREFORE REQUIRED AND FOR THIS AMOUNT WE NOW URGENTLY APPEAL.**

AS A MISSIONARY DIOCESE our resources are very limited, and our regular income, provided mainly by outside agencies, must inevitably be spent on ministerial, evangelistic and educational work among the people of the islands.

IT IS THEREFORE UNAVOIDABLY NECESSARY to make this appeal to friends and well-wishers both near and far and ask them to come to our aid.

DONATIONS MAY BE SENT to the BISHOP in POLYNESIA, Bishop's House, Suva, or to the TREASURER, ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL FUND, P.O. Box 35, Suva, Fiji Islands.

**£10,000 URGENTLY REQUIRED—PLEASE  
SEND YOUR GIFT NOW.**

Yesterday is already a dream, and

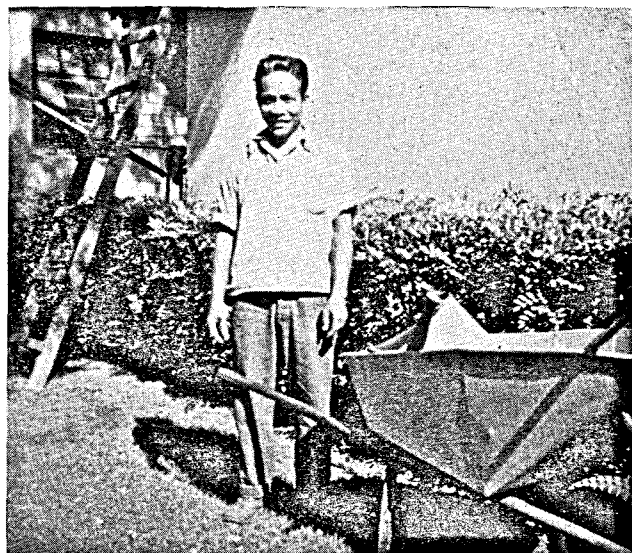
Tomorrow is only a vision;

But today, well lived, makes every

Yesterday a dream of happiness

And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day.



ENRIQUE SISTOZA

The Diocesan property in the Cathedral Close shows great improvement since Enrique has taken care of it. His love for flowers and care of the grounds can be seen on every hand. His cheerful disposition is a pleasure to observe.

## St. Matthew's Community Church

December 1st a new church on the Windward side was organized. Its name is ST. MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY CHURCH (Episcopal) Waimanalo. A Bishop's Committee, and a treasurer were appointed. Members of the committee are as follows: Mr. Joseph Dwight, Mr. William Lucas, Mr. Clyde Hawkins, Mr. E. C. Peters, Mr. Ian Rae, Mr. George Elliot, treasurer, Mrs. Archie Dunn, secretary, Mrs. Bruce Hart and Mrs. Ernest Steiner. The Committee decided to affiliate with the Episcopal Missionary District and paid an assessment and quota for the balance of the year. A bi-monthly bulletin will be published in Waimanalo. For the present the Rev. Richard M. Trelease of St. Christopher's will be in charge of this new work with members of the clergy from Honolulu taking services on alternate Sundays.

The Rev. John P. Moulton, Chaplain of Iolani School, has been assisting with the services.

## Choir School

Mr. William Thaanum, Choirmaster and Organist for St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish, has graciously offered to conduct a Choir School at the Cathedral on the following Sundays: January 22nd, 29th, February 5th and 12th in preparation for Convocation. All Choir Directors and Choir members are asked to join in this opportunity and endeavor to make the Convocation music what we would wish for it to be.

All the people who have opinions aren't opinionated; just those whose opinions differ from yours.

—Richard Armour



Seldom-photographed view of Kalaupapa leper colony, Molokai, world famous for its great medical strides and model settlement methods. (Hawaii Visitors Bureau photograph)

## Theological Education Sunday, January 22, Interests Men

The laymen's groups throughout the Church have been interesting themselves more and more in theological education; the type of men needed in the ministry, the recruiting of men, and the problems involved in theological education. An opportunity is afforded to concentrate on this matter and to do something about it on January 22, the third Sunday after Epiphany. This Sunday has been designated by the Presiding Bishop as Theological Education Sunday. Parishes are requested to give special emphasis to the whole problem of theological education and to give our people an opportunity to support one of our nine seminaries.

The Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work recommends that men's groups invite a speaker who will deal with this whole subject. It further recommends that the men request the parish to give them an opportunity to support this work financially.

As has been the policy in the past, the Lay Reader's Sermon Service publishes a special sermon for the Theological Education Sunday. This year the sermon is being prepared by the Very Rev. Henry H. Shires, D.D., dean of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

The Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work will be happy to send a copy of this sermon to members of the clergy who request it.

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.

—James Branch Cabell

## American Bible Society

The General Convention at its recent meeting in San Francisco adopted a resolution urging the people of the Church to make a primary concern to support the work of the American Bible Society by making an offering for the Society the Second Sunday in Advent, or some other convenient occasion, and calling upon the clergy to set forth clearly the responsibility resting upon the people to spread abroad the Word of the Living God.

The whole missionary program of the Church, both at home and overseas, has been helped tremendously by the publications of the American Bible Society. It was the considered opinion of the General Convention that the continued production and distribution of the Holy Bible by the American Bible Society is essential to the successful prosecution of our missionary program.

I shall hope that, in compliance with the very clear mandate given by the General Convention, every congregation in the Church will find it possible to make an offering for the work of the American Bible Society and that this offering may be a generous one.

JOHN B. BENTLEY  
Vice President of  
The National Council

## Roanridge Home For Refugees

Ten refugees, displaced persons from Europe, are finding a home, an opportunity to work, the hope of a new, good life, at Roanridge, the Church's rural center at Parkville, Missouri. They were brought to the United States by Church World Service, with assurances provided by the Episcopal Church. All these people owe their present security and their new hope to the effort the Church has been making to secure assurances for DP's.



## Extend Sympathy

The Diocese joins in extending sympathy to Mrs. Hollis H. A. Corey, wife of the Rev. Hollis H. A. Corey, Epiphany Mission, Honolulu, in the death of her mother, and to the Ven. John R. Caton, Archdeacon of Kauai, who lost his father on December 18th.

The following article was printed in the Living Church about Mrs. Corey's mother:

*Sarah Elizabeth Emma Spencer*, widow of the late Canon P. L. Spencer of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, died at the age of 92 on September 11th at St. Paul's rectory, Haileybury, Ontario, where she had lived for the past five years with her son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Cyril Goodier. On September 12th at 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion was celebrated in the parish church, Haileybury. On the 13th there was a Requiem at St. Alban's Church, Hamilton. Burial was in the family plot at Thorold, a former parish of Canon Spencer.

In a resolution as of September 11th the Niagara diocesan board of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada, of which Mrs. Spencer was a life member states in part:

"Mrs. Spencer was an example of true Christianity to all: her life was lived around the Church, the Women's Auxiliary, the Girls' Friendly Society and her family, and of that family she gave many to the Church and Missionary work.

"We of the Women's Auxiliary remember her specially as the founder of the library, one of the early members of the educational committee and a constant attendant of the prayer meetings in the library.

"To the members of the various branches of the Women's Auxiliary to which she belonged in the course of her long life she was a true and dear friend, ready with her wisdom and unflinching generosity at all times . . ."

Of Mrs. Spencer's four sons, three became priests of the Church. One, who died during the war, spent his whole ministry of over thirty years in Japan. Another is serving in the Canadian Church. And the third has just retired from many years' service in the Diocese of Connecticut. Of her six daughters, one is a deaconess of the Church; and two others are married to clergymen. One of these, Constance Theodora, is the wife of the Rev. Hollis H. A. Corey, and is serving in this Missionary District.

Anne, the wife of Lieut. Robert T. Jones, of Barber's Point Naval Air Station, and resident at Pearl Harbor, is also a granddaughter of Mrs. Spencer.

"God bless thy year!  
With all things fair and pure and sweet.  
In winter's cold or summer's heat,  
The bursting leaf the brown and sere,  
God bless thy year.

God bless thy year.  
Thy comings in  
Thy goings out,  
Thy rest, thy travellings about  
The rough, the smooth, the bright, the drear,  
God bless thy year."

## A Rededication

*By the Rt. Rev. Noel Porter, D.D.*

The very genius of the Christian religion is joy, good news, outbreking gladness. This optimistic note is especially emphasized during the gracious hallowed Christmas season that begins with the song of the angels, the conquest of fear, and the duty of joy and gladness. There are no happier words than "A Merry Christmas" and with them are associated those fine, brave, hopeful words, "A Happy and Prosperous New Year." What do they really mean?

The philosopher tells us that the only world that exists for us is the world that we can personally see, and feel, and touch. The beauty of form and color are not in the blind man's world. Melody and harmony are not in the deaf man's world. The same is true in regard to spiritual values, in regard to those old familiar words: "A Happy and Prosperous New Year." In order to realize their deeper significance we must interpret them in the light that comes from the Bethlehem manger. We must follow the Star that leads to the Blessed Master, so that walking with Him we shall be richly blessed as we follow the "After Christmas" way.

Before the New Year dawns let us rededicate ourselves to Him. The crisis that confronts the world today is largely a spiritual, a personal one. It can only be surmounted by a more earnest stand for the things of the spirit. So what thou doest, do quickly.

Some of you are going to make a will—do it without delay, and remember some bequest to the church, the cause of Christ. Some of you intend to right a wrong—do it today. Some of you may have grown hard, selfish, and self-centered. Today you have an opportunity to reconsecrate your life to the things that are really and truly worthwhile.

Let us resolve to be a little kinder, braver, truer. Let us look forward, not backward—for there are better and greater things ahead. Let us cast out fear, and go forward with greater faith in each other, and above all greater faith in God and the dear Christ. Then we shall realize the deeper significance of these old familiar words: "A Happy and Prosperous New Year."

It takes courage to refrain from gossip when others about you delight in it.

To stand up for an absent person who is being abused.

To live honestly within your means and not dishonestly on the means of others.

To be a real man, a true woman, by holding fast to your ideals when it causes you to be looked upon as strange and peculiar.

To be talked about and yet remain silent when a word would justify you in the eyes of others, but which you cannot speak without injury to another.

To refuse to do a thing which is wrong though others do it.

To live always according to your convictions.

To dress according to your income and to deny yourself what you cannot afford to buy. —The Trumpeter.

## Young People Make Large Offerings

During the last triennium children and young people of the Church, through their own special offerings, have given \$1,510,728. This magnificent demonstration of youth's interest in the Church included the Church School Lenten Offering of \$1,412,283; the Birthday Thank Offering of \$40,495; the United Youth Offering of \$49,113, and Christmas boxes \$8,845. From the time the Church School Lenten offering was established to 1948 inclusive, this gift for missions has reached a grand total of \$15,090,413.

## The Epiphany

*By the Rt. Rev. James P. DeWolfe, D.D.*

The Epiphany—the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles—is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church. The early fathers saw the tremendous teaching value of the “showing forth” of God to the Wise Men.

In our Lord's time “epiphanies” were common enough. Almost every city claimed that one of the pagan gods had appeared disguised as a man, performed some miracle, and then vanished. In later imperial days even visits of the emperor were in flattery called “epiphanies”!

Over against this the Church set the majesty of God Incarnate, not disguised as a man, but truly Man; not as a petty member of the pantheon, but God of God and Light of Lights.

The Wise Men came to seek the Light and their wisdom is shown in the amazing fact that they recognized God in a helpless Babe.

The guiding of the star is still needed but let us take care that we recognize the places where God manifests his call. “I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.” “Whosoever shall receive this Child in my name receiveth me.”

This is the nature which God manifests to the wise—those souls who still find Him in the need of the helpless and are strengthened by Him in Broken Bread.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast brought me to the beginning of another year, grant me so to remember Thy gifts, and so to acknowledge Thy goodness, as that every year and day which Thou shalt yet grant me, may be employed in the amendment of my life, and in the diligent discharge of such duties as Thy Providence shall allot me. Grant me, by Thy Grace, to know and to do what Thou requirest. Give me good desires, and remove those impediments which may hinder them from effect. Forgive me my sins, negligences, and ignorances, and when at last Thou shalt call me to another life, receive me to everlasting happiness, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Samuel Johnson

If we knew as much about mental health as we do about physical health, an epidemic of hate would be considered as dangerous as an epidemic of typhoid.

## A Few Rules of Behaviour In Church

*By James M. Malloch*

1. Upon entering the church, reverence the altar modestly, then kneel and say your prayers, asking God's blessing upon the service, the ministers, and the choir; and offer to God your own deepest needs. You may say the Lord's Prayer with these intentions in mind. Never genuflect unless the Sacrament is reserved on the altar.

2. When the processional cross goes by, you may bow slightly (modestly) in reverence for Christ for whom the cross stands. Never genuflect to a processional cross.

3. When the service is over, thank God for His grace and offer any petitions or other thanksgivings which you may desire. You do not have to regulate your leaving by the sound of the organ or by the extinguishing of the altar candles.

4. When you receive Holy Communion, place one hand above the other, palms open, then lift the Host to your lips without picking it up with your fingers.

5. Do not remain at the altar rail for private devotions after you have received Holy Communion. The place for your post-Communion prayers is in your pew, not at the altar rail.

6. At Low Celebrations, kneel just as soon as the clergy have taken their places before the altar. At High Celebrations, kneel immediately at the conclusion of the processional hymn. In either case, do not force the celebrant to say, “Let us pray,” just to get the congregation to its knees.

7. Follow all the services in the Prayer Book, put your own desires into the prayers, but under no circumstances appoint yourself a dramatic critic to evaluate the rendition of the service. Dramatic criticism is no key to heaven.

8. Always try to learn something from the sermon if there is anything to it at all. Most preachers know at least something about religion.

9. Be friendly with everybody as you leave the church. You don't have to be introduced a la Emily Post. The fact that you have been in church together is all the introduction you need to anybody.

10. Don't say to the clergy at the church door, “Well, I'm here; I thought the roof would cave in.” Why be egotistical?

11. Remember always that a church service is Divine Worship, not the performance of magic. Things don't have to be done just so or invariably in the same way as was the case in primitive religion.

## Reprinted From The Living Church

Bishop Sasaki, Presiding Bishop of the Nippon Sei Ko Kwai, had been suddenly arrested by the “Kempeitai” or Military Police. He was taken away from his home so quickly that there was not even time for him to take a winter coat or other wrap, though it was the coldest time of the year in Tokyo—the so-called “Great Cold” (January-February).

The cell to which the bishop was assigned was so crowded that it was barely possible for him to sit or squat on the floor. He shivered continuously from the cold.

Then he suffered a slight paralytic stroke and consequently was unable to put his hands to his mouth to feed himself.

After he had been in the cell for a few days, two young American soldiers were brought in. The bishop guessed that they were B29 crewmen. He was deeply impressed by their calm demeanor and quiet dignity of bearing, especially since he presumed they were condemned to die.

Presently one of the two soldiers noticed the bishop's clerical collar and episcopal purple front.

One said: "May I ask who you are and why you are here in prison?"

The bishop explained that he was the presiding bishop of the Japanese Episcopal Church and that he had been arrested apparently because he was suspected of feeling insufficient favor for the army authorities.

The young soldier then said that he was a member of the Episcopal Church of America. Having noticed the sad condition of the bishop, he took off his own coat and wrapped it around the bishop's shoulders. When the warden brought daily rations of food, he helped the bishop to feed himself. Two days later the young men were removed from the prison, and the bishop had no further information about them.

It was a great distress to Bishop Sasaki that he could not remember the name of the young man who had shown so much kindness to him. No writing materials were permitted so he could not write down the name. Soon after his release, Bishop Sasaki died from the effects of the harsh treatment which he had received, without even discovering the name of the one who had tried to make the prison endurable.

Let us imagine that the choir has completed its morning anthem of praise. The minister has announced his text. Suddenly, in the rear of the auditorium a door is opened with a noisy bang. A farmer enters, carrying a plow! He sits there in deep thought, studying the plow through the remainder of the service.

Another door opens. A woman wheels a sewing machine into the church. The interruptions continue. A man is heard nailing a tin roof. Another is mending shoes. A young woman sits in the choir punching a typewriter. A mother bends over a washing machine.

Fantastic? Incredible? Yet all too often through the sermon period we are re-living our daily tasks, paying little heed to the eternal message. And at the dinner hour we may comment, "I didn't seem to get much out of the sermon this morning."

—*Baptist & Reflector*

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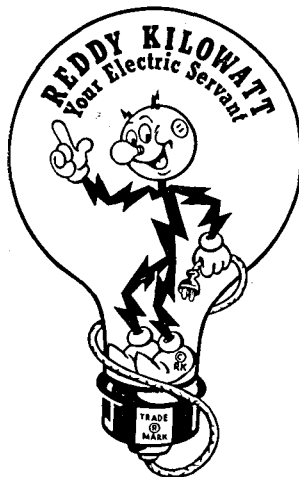
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